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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

MARK WEINSTEIN, TRUSTEE OF THE
WEINSTEIN FAMILY TRUST DATED
MARCH 20, 1997,

Plaintiff,

vs.

GTS PROPERTY SANTA CLARITA, HARRY
JANG, ALEC PETERSEN, TEAM
ENTERPRISES and ONE HOUR
MARTINIZING DRY CLEANER and DOE 1
through DCE IC,

Defendants.

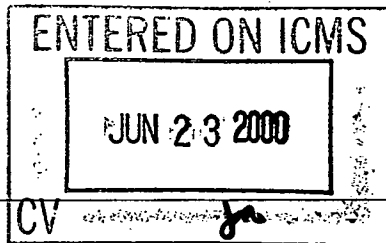
Case No. 00-06667 RSWL

(AJWX)

COMPLAINT FOR:

- (1) CERCLA CLAIM
- (2) BREACH OF CONTRACT
- (3) DECLARATORY RELIEF
- (4) INDEMNITY PURSUANT TO CALIF.
HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES
ACCOUNT ACT
- (5) EQUITABLE INDEMNIFICATION
- (6) WASTE
- (7) NEGLIGENCE
- (8) CONTINUING PRIVATE NUISANCE
- (9) CONTINUING PUBLIC NUISANCE

(DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL)



Plaintiff Mark Weinstein, Trustee of the Weinstein Family Trust dated March 20, 1997

("Plaintiff"), alleges as follows:

PARTIES

1. Plaintiff is a trust organized under the laws of the State of California, and is in good standing.

2. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and on that basis alleges, that Defendant GTS Property Santa Clarita ("GTS") is a corporation doing business in Los Angeles County, California.

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3. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and on that basis alleges, that Defendant One-Hour Martinizing Dry Cleaner (“One-Hour Martinizing”) is qualified to do business in California.

4. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and on that basis alleges, that Defendant Team Enterprises, Inc. (“Team Enterprises”) is a corporation doing business in Los Angeles County.

5. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and on that basis alleges, that Defendant Harry Jang (“Jang”) is a resident of Los Angeles County, California.

6. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and on that basis alleges, that Defendant Alec Peterson (“Peterson”) is a resident of Los Angeles County, California.

7. Plaintiff does not know the identity or true names and capacities of Defendants Does 1-50, and therefore sues such defendants by such fictitious names. When the identity of these Defendants is discovered Plaintiff shall seek leave to amend the Complaint to show the true names and capacities of these Defendants. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and on that basis alleges, that each of the defendants designated herein as a Doe has participated in some manner with the named defendants to commit the acts herein alleged.

8. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and thereupon alleges, that at all times herein mentioned, Defendants were the agents of each of their co-Defendants and, in doing the things hereinafter mentioned, each was acting within the scope of his authority as such agent and with permission and consent of his co-Defendants.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

9. This Court has original jurisdiction over this action pursuant to Section 113(b) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980 (CERCLA), 42 U.S.C. §113(b). In addition, this Court has jurisdiction over the supplemental state claims pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1367(a).

10. Venue is proper in this District in that Plaintiff's claims for relief arose in this District.

ALLEGATIONS COMMON TO ALL CLAIMS FOR RELIEF

11. Plaintiff purchased the property located at 26830 – 26860 Seco Canyon Road in Santa Clarita (the “Premises”) on or around May 28, 1998, and has remained the owner of the Premises since that time.

12. Prior to Plaintiff purchasing the Premises, it was owned by Defendant GTS Property Santa Clarita.

13. Plaintiff is informed and believes that Defendant Team Enterprises has operated a dry cleaning facility on the Premises.

14. Plaintiff is informed and believes that Defendant One-Hour Martinizing has operated a dry cleaning facility on the Premises.

15. Plaintiff is informed and believes that Defendant Jang has operated a dry cleaning facility on the Premises.

16. Plaintiff is informed and believes that Defendant Petersen has operated a dry cleaning facility on the Premises.

17. Plaintiff is informed and believes that the Dry Cleaner Defendants have operated dry cleaning machines which use tetrachloroethene (PCE), trichloroethene (TCE), dichloroethene (DCE), dichloroethane (DCA), and/or vinylchloride (collectively “Hazardous Substances”) on the Premises.

18. Defendants or their agents were responsible for the release of Hazardous Substances into the soil and possibly the groundwater beneath the Premises.

19. On or around July 7, 1998, Hazardous Substance contamination was discovered in the soil beneath the dry cleaning retail space (“Contamination”).

20. In order to persuade Plaintiff to purchase the premises, Defendant GTS agreed to an amendment to the agreement for purchase and sale of the premises (“Amendment”) in which Defendant GTS agreed to place \$30,000 in an escrow account for payment of costs associated with the remediation of the Hazardous Substance (“Hold-Back”). The Amendment is attached to the Complaint as exhibit “A.”

21. Specifically, the amendment stated the following:

1 “6. Hold-Back Funds. The parties hereby agree and the Escrow Holder is expressly
2 instructed, to withhold out of the funds to be disbursed to Seller at the Close of Escrow
3 the sum of **Thirty Thousand and No/100 Dollars (\$30,000.00)** (“Hold-Back Funds”) in an interest-bearing account maintained for the benefit of Seller (“Hold-Back
4 Account”), for a period not to exceed TWELVE (12) MONTHS from the Close of
5 Escrow date (“Hold-Back Period”), subject to the following conditions: . . .”

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7 “6.6 For the purposes of securing the No-Action Letter, all invoices, statements and
8 other billings incurred in Purchaser’s or its agents’ performing the Remediation
9 activities, copies of which shall have been furnished to Seller and subject to Seller’s
10 written approval thereof which shall be attached to each and every such
11 invoice/statement presented to Escrow Holder for reimbursement thereof, Purchaser
12 shall be entitled to receive disbursement(s) out of the Hold-Back Account such sums
13 equal to such invoices and/or statements, or alternatively Purchaser may instruct
14 Escrow Holder in writing, subject to Seller’s written approval on such instruction, that
15 such disbursement(s) be made directly to the third-party payee. Escrow Holder shall
16 give both Seller and Purchaser written notice of any and all of such disbursements.”

17 “7 Termination of Hold-Back Transaction. Thirty (30) days prior to the expiration
18 of the Hold-Back Period, above, Escrow Holder shall duly notify the parties of such
19 and abide by the further mutual written instruction of both parties, if any. If no event
20 shall Escrow Holder retain the Hold-Back Funds beyond Twenty-Four (24) Months
21 from the Close of Escrow, unless the parties otherwise instruct mutually and in writing.
22 In the absence of such mutual, written instruction, Escrow Holder shall thereafter
23 release and remit the remainder of the Hold-Back Funds to Seller upon thirty (30) days’
24 written notification to both parties of its intention to make such release and remittance.”

25 22. To date, the Escrow Holder has not given written notice of the termination of
26 the Hold-Back, and currently maintains an escrow account containing a minimum of \$30,000.

27 23. On April 24, 2000, Plaintiff’s agent conducted remediation activity at the site in
28 order to remove PCE-contaminated soil. During excavation of the Contamination, Plaintiff’s agent

1 discovered a corroded sewer line that appeared to be the source of illegally discharged Hazardous
2 Substance-laden waste water.

3 24. Plaintiff proceeded with further investigation and analysis of the extent and
4 nature of the Contamination, and an immediate removal of the Contamination. Plaintiff obtained bids
5 for removal of the Contamination and took reasonable steps to obtain competitive costs for such
6 remediation. Such remedial work is ongoing.

7 25. Prior to initiating the action to clean up the Contamination, Plaintiff, acting
8 through itself or its agents, coordinated the planned action with all applicable regulatory agencies in
9 compliance with requirements of applicable laws, and obtained all necessary approvals.

10 26. Plaintiff has incurred and paid response costs for investigation of the
11 environmental Contamination.

12 **FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION**

13 **(Against All Defendants For Recovery of Response Costs Pursuant to CERCLA §113(f))**

14 27. Plaintiff hereby realleges and incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 26
15 as though fully set forth herein.

16 28. Each of the Defendants is "person" as defined in CERCLA §101(21), 42 U.S.C.
17 §9601(21).

18 29. The Premises is a "facility" as defined in CERCLA §101(9), 43 U.S.C.
19 §9601(9).

20 30. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that Defendants, and each
21 of them, were persons who "owned" and/or "operated" the Premises at the time of disposal of
22 Hazardous Substances thereupon, and/or at the time that Hazardous Substances were released into the
23 environmental at the Premises.

24 31. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that the Defendants, and
25 each of them, proximately caused releases or threatened releases of hazardous substances into and/or
26 from the Premises through their conduct as described above.

27 32. As a direct and proximate result of the actions of defendants, and each of them,
28 as alleged herein, Plaintiff has incurred and will continue to incur response costs not inconsistent with

1 the national contingency plan in responding to the releases or threatened release of hazardous
2 substances at the Premises within the meaning of CERCLA §107(a), 42 U.S.C. §9607(a).

3 33. Based thereon, Plaintiff is entitled to an award of indemnity and contribution
4 for response costs and other appropriate damages according to proof at trial.

5 **SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION**

6 **(Against Defendant GTS For Breach of Contract)**

7 34. Plaintiff hereby realleges and incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 33
8 as though fully set forth herein.

9 35. The Amendment states:

10 “For the purposes of securing the No-Action Letter, all invoices,
11 statements and other billings incurred in [Plaintiff]’s or its agents’
12 performing the Remediation activities, copies of which shall have been
13 furnished to Seller and subject to Seller’s written approval thereof which
14 shall be attached to each and every such invoice/statement presented to
15 Escrow Holder for reimbursement thereof, Purchaser shall be entitled to
16 receive disbursement(s) out of the Hold-Back Account such sums equal
17 to such invoices and/or statements. . .”

18 36. Plaintiff has performed all obligations required to be performed by Plaintiff
19 pursuant to the Lease.

20 37. Plaintiff has incurred expenses and costs related to the remediation of the
21 Contamination on the Premises. Plaintiff has submitted invoices evidencing these costs and expenses
22 to Defendant GTS for approval so that the Escrow Holder can reimburse Plaintiff with funds in the
23 Hold-Back. Defendant GTS has unreasonably refused to approve the invoices, thereby denying
24 Plaintiff access to the Hold-Back funds.

25 38. As a direct and proximate result of Defendant GTS’ refusal to approve the
26 invoices and breach of the Amendment, Plaintiff has suffered damages. Such damages include, but
27 are not limited to, actual response costs of investigating and mitigating the Contamination incurred by
28 Plaintiff and to be incurred in the future.

THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION

(Against Defendant GTS for Declaratory Relief)

39. Plaintiff realleges and incorporates by reference herein the allegations set forth in paragraphs 1 through 38 of this Complaint.

40. An actual controversy has arisen and now exists between Plaintiff, on the one hand, and Defendant GTS, on the other hand, concerning their respective rights and obligations, in that Plaintiff contends that the Hold-Back was to be maintained for a minimum of 24 months from the closure of the escrow, to July 24, 2000, as set forth in Paragraph 7 of the Agreement.

41. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and thereon alleges, that Defendants dispute Plaintiff's contentions, and claims that the Hold-Back should have been terminated at an earlier date.

42. Plaintiff desires a judicial determination and declaration of regarding the termination of the Hold-Back.

FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION

**(Against All Defendants For Indemnity Pursuant To
California Hazardous Substances Account Act)**

43. Plaintiff hereby realleges and incorporates by reference Paragraphs 1 through 42 as through fully set forth herein.

44. Each of the defendants is a "responsible party" and/or "liable person" within the meaning of the California Hazardous Substances Account Act ("HSAA"), Cal. Health & Safety Code §25323.5(a)(1), and Section 107(a) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. §9607(a).

45. Plaintiff is a person who has incurred removal and/or remedial action costs under HSAA and CERCLA.

46. Plaintiff is entitled to and hereby seeks contribution and/or indemnity pursuant to Cal. Health & Safety Code §25363(e) from Defendants, and each of them, for Defendants' equitable share of removal and/or remedial action costs that Plaintiff has incurred or will incur at the Premises.

FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION

(Against all Defendants for Equitable Indemnification)

47. Plaintiff realleges and incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 46, inclusive.

48. The expenses Plaintiff has incurred and will continue to incur to clean up the Contamination in and around the Premises, including, but not limited to, investigatory and removal expenses, are exclusively the result of the intentional or negligent conduct of Defendants, and each of them. As a result, Plaintiff is entitled to complete indemnity from each Defendant for such expenses pursuant to the doctrine of equitable indemnification.

SIXTH CAUSE OF ACTION

(Against all Defendants for Waste)

49. Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 48, inclusive.

50. The release of Hazardous Substances on and into the Premises, as set forth above, so diminishes the value of the Premises as to constitute waste caused by Defendants.

51. As a direct and proximate result of the release of Hazardous Substances resulting from the Defendants' misconduct, Plaintiff has suffered damages. Such damages include, but are not limited to, actual response costs of investigating and mitigating the hazardous waste condition incurred by Plaintiff and to be incurred in the future, and consequential damages including, among other things, damage to the reputation of Plaintiff, stigma damages, loss of profits, and diminution in value of the Premises.

52. Plaintiff is still investigating the magnitude of the damage caused by Defendants' conduct alleged herein and cannot presently ascertain the exact amount of such damage. Plaintiff therefore seeks recovery of its damages according to proof at trial.

53. As a result of Defendants' above-described conduct, the market value of the premises has been substantially decreased by an amount to be proven at trial.

54. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and thereon alleges, that Defendants willfully and maliciously engaged in the above-described conduct with the full knowledge that it would result

1 in substantial damage to the premises and Plaintiff's interest therein. Therefore, pursuant to Section
2 732 of the California Code of Civil Procedure, Plaintiff seeks treble the amount of its actual damages
3 from Defendants.

4 **SEVENTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

5 **(Against all Defendants for Negligence)**

6 55. Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 54,
7 inclusive.

8 56. Defendants had a duty to Plaintiff to exercise due care in controlling,
9 monitoring, maintaining, and operating the facility on the Premises, and in storing and disposing of
10 various chemicals at the Premises.

11 57. Defendants failed to exercise their duty of due care by releasing and allowing
12 the release of Contaminants onto and into the Premises as detailed above.

13 58. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' breach of duty, hazardous
14 substances have been released directly on and into the Premises.

15 59. This release of hazardous substances resulting from Defendants' negligence has
16 caused damage to Plaintiff, including, but not limited to, actual response costs of investigating and
17 mitigating the hazardous waste condition incurred by Plaintiff and to be incurred in the future, and
18 consequential damages including, among other things, attorneys' fees, damage to the reputation of
19 Plaintiff, stigma damages, loss of profits, and diminution in value of the Premises.

20 **EIGHTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

21 **(Against all Defendants for Continuing Private Nuisance)**

22 60. Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 59,
23 inclusive.

24 61. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and on that basis alleges, that as a direct and
25 proximate result of Defendants' release of hazardous wastes and hazardous substances into the
26 environment at the Premises, Defendants are interfering with and precluding Plaintiff's free use and
27 enjoyment of the Premises, and are threatening to impair and injure the health of individuals who
28 would conduct business, visit, or otherwise utilize the Premises.

1 62. Defendants' release of hazardous wastes and hazardous substances on and from
2 the Premises has caused and is causing injury to the Premises and to Plaintiff. Plaintiff has not
3 sanctioned Defendants' disposal, dumping or release of hazardous wastes or hazardous substances
4 either by contract or lease. As a result, Defendants' disposal, dumping and releases constitute a
5 private nuisance and a continuing nuisance with regard to the Premises.

6 63. This nuisance has continued and, although it is abatable, it remains unabated.
7 Defendants have failed to abate the nuisance.

8 64. This release of hazardous substances resulting from Defendants' negligence has
9 caused damage to Plaintiff, including, but not limited to, actual response costs of investigating and
10 mitigating the hazardous waste condition incurred by Plaintiff and to be incurred in the future, and
11 consequential damages including, among other things, attorneys' fees, damage to the reputation of
12 Plaintiff, stigma damages, loss of profits, and diminution in value of the Premises.

13 **NINTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

14 **(Against all Defendants for Continuing Public Nuisance)**

15 65. Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 64,
16 inclusive.

17 66. Defendants' disposal, release and dumping of hazardous wastes and hazardous
18 substances on and from the Premises has contaminated the Premises, and has contaminated the
19 groundwater under the Premises and possibly properties adjacent to the Premises. This contamination
20 gives rise to a public nuisance which affects not only Plaintiff, but also portions of Los Angeles
21 County. Because Plaintiff is the owner of the Premises, and the hazardous wastes and hazardous
22 substances have contaminated and substantially devalued the Premises, Plaintiff has suffered injuries
23 different in kind from those suffered by the general public.

24 67. Plaintiff, in its capacity as Private Attorney General, alleges that as a proximate
25 result of the Contaminants released, disposed of and dumped on and from the Premises, the Premises
26 have been permanently damaged and have diminished in value. At the same time, the releases of
27 Contaminants have affected a significant portion of the entire community and/or the comfort and
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1 convenience of a considerable number of persons, although the extent of the annoyance, danger or
2 damage inflicted upon the residents of Los Angeles may be unequal.

3 68. Plaintiff, in its capacity as Private Attorney General, asserts that its litigation
4 against Defendants: (a) raises strong issues of public importance and policy which are in need of
5 vindication by litigation; (b) presents the necessity for private enforcement of said issues and rights,
6 the resulting burden of which falls on Plaintiff; and (c) will benefit the health and safety of the
7 community.

8 69. This nuisance has continued and, although it is abatable, it remains unabated.
9 Defendants have failed to abate the nuisance.

10 70. Plaintiff, as a Private Attorney General, seeks to recover its reasonable
11 attorneys' fees and costs incurred in prosecuting this action, and seeks injunctive relief, to the extent
12 further remediation of the Contamination is necessary, ordering Defendants to clean up the remaining
13 hazardous wastes and hazardous substances which they have disposed of, released and dumped on and
14 from the Premises.

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16 WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays for judgment and relief against Defendants as follows:

17 1. With respect to the First Cause of Action, Plaintiff prays for judgment and relief as
18 follows:

- 19 a) For indemnification for past and future response costs, including
20 reasonable attorneys' fees, incurred by Plaintiff to remediate and remove
21 the Contamination at the Premises, in an amount to be proven at trial;
22 b) For a judicial declaration that Plaintiff is entitled to indemnification by
23 Defendants for the costs of Plaintiff's response to environmental
24 contamination at the Premises;
25 c) A declaration that if Plaintiff becomes subject to regulatory enforcement
26 by any governmental agency in connection with the environmental
27 condition of the Premise, that Plaintiff shall be entitled to contribution
28 and/or full or partial equitable or other indemnity from Defendants for

1 any response or removal costs, penalties or fines associated therewith;
2 and

3 d) For such other and further additional relief as to which the Court may
4 deem just and proper.

5 2. With respect to the Second Cause of Action, Plaintiff prays for judgment and relief
6 as follows:

- 7 a) For contribution for past and future response costs, including reasonable
8 attorneys' fees, incurred by Plaintiff to remediate and remove the
9 Contamination at the Premises, in an amount to be proven at trial;
10 b) For general, consequential, and incidental damages, in an amount to be
11 proven at trial, caused by Defendants' negligence;
12 c) For such other and further additional relief as to which the Court may
13 deem just and proper.

14 3. With respect to the Third Cause of Action, Plaintiff prays for judgment and relief as
15 follows:

- 16 a) For a judicial declaration that Plaintiff is entitled to indemnification
17 under the Amendment for contribution for past and future response
18 costs, including reasonable attorneys' fees, incurred by Plaintiff to
19 remediate and remove the Contamination at the Premises; and
20 b) For such other and further additional relief as to which the Court may
21 deem just and proper.

22 4. With respect to the Fourth Cause of Action, Plaintiff prays for judgment and relief
23 as follows:

- 24 a) For contribution for past and future response costs, including reasonable
25 attorneys' fees, incurred by Plaintiff to remediate and remove the
26 Contamination at the Premises, in an amount to be proven at trial;
27 b) For equitable indemnification; and
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- 1 c) For such other and further additional relief as to which the Court may
2 deem just and proper.
- 3 5. With respect to the Fifth Cause of Action, Plaintiff prays for judgment and relief as
4 follows:
- 5 a) For contribution for past and future response costs, including reasonable
6 attorneys' fees, incurred by Plaintiff to remediate and remove the
7 Contamination at the Premises, in an amount to be proven at trial;
- 8 b) For equitable indemnification; and
- 9 c) For such other and further additional relief as to which the Court may
10 deem just and proper.
- 11 6. With respect to the Sixth Cause of Action, Plaintiff prays for judgment and relief as
12 follows:
- 13 a) For general, consequential, and incidental damages, in an amount to be
14 proven at trial, caused by Defendants' nuisance;
- 15 b) For treble damages in an amount to be proven at trial; and
- 16 c) For such other and further additional relief as to which the Court may
17 deem just and proper.
- 18 7. With respect to the Seventh Cause of Action, Plaintiff prays for judgment and relief
19 as follows:
- 20 a) For contribution for past and future response costs, including reasonable
21 attorneys' fees, incurred by Plaintiff to remediate and remove the
22 Contamination at the Premises, in an amount to be proven at trial;
- 23 b) For general, consequential, and incidental damages, in an amount to be
24 proven at trial, caused by Defendants' nuisance;
- 25 c) For injunctive relief ordering Defendants to clean up the hazardous
26 wastes and hazardous substances they have disposed of, released or
27 dumped on and from the Premises, to the extent any such clean up work
28 remains at the time of trial;

- 1 d) For other consequential damages, including without limitation loss of
2 profit, diminution in value of the Premises, stigma damages and injury
3 to business reputation which Plaintiff has or hereafter may suffer; and
4 e) For such other and further additional relief as to which the Court may
5 deem just and proper.

6 8. With respect to the Eighth Cause of Action, Plaintiff prays for judgment and relief
7 as follows:

- 8 a) For contribution for past and future response costs, including reasonable
9 attorneys' fees, incurred by Plaintiff to remediate and remove the
10 Contamination at the Premises, in an amount to be proven at trial;
11 b) For general, consequential, and incidental damages, in an amount to be
12 proven at trial, caused by Defendants' nuisance;
13 c) For injunctive relief ordering Defendants to clean up the hazardous
14 wastes and hazardous substances they have disposed of, released or
15 dumped on and from the Premises, to the extent any such clean up work
16 remains at the time of trial;
17 d) For other consequential damages, including without limitation loss of
18 profit and injury to business reputation which Plaintiff has or hereafter
19 may suffer; and
20 e) For such other and further additional relief as to which the Court may
21 deem just and proper.

22 9. With respect to the Ninth Cause of Action, Plaintiff prays for judgment and relief as
23 follows:

- 24 a) For contribution for past and future response costs, including reasonable
25 attorneys' fees, incurred by Plaintiff to remediate and remove the
26 Contamination at the Premises, in an amount to be proven at trial;
27 b) For general, consequential, and incidental damages, in an amount to be
28 proven at trial, caused by Defendants' nuisance;

- 1 c) For injunctive relief ordering Defendants to clean up the hazardous
2 wastes and hazardous substances they have disposed of, released or
3 dumped on and from the Premises, to the extent any such clean up work
4 remains at the time of trial;
- 5 d) For other consequential damages, including without limitation loss of
6 profit, diminution in value of the Premises, stigma damages and injury
7 to business reputation which Plaintiff has or hereafter may suffer; and
- 8 e) For such other and further additional relief as to which the Court may
9 deem just and proper.

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11 DATED: June 20, 2000

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14 By: 

Perry S. Hughes

Attorneys for Plaintiff Mark Weinstein, Trustee of the
Weinstein Family Trust dated March 20, 1997

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16 **DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL**

17 Plaintiff hereby demands a jury trial as provided by Rule 38(a) of the Federal Rules of
18 Civil Procedure.

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21 DATED: June 20, 2000

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Perry S. Hughes

Attorneys for Plaintiff Mark Weinstein, Trustee of the
Weinstein Family Trust dated March 20, 1997



**SECOND AMENDMENT TO
AGREEMENT FOR PURCHASE AND SALE
OF REAL PROPERTY & IMPROVEMENTS
— AND —
ESCROW INSTRUCTIONS**

This Second Amendment to Agreement for Purchase and Sale of Real Property & Improvements ("this Amendment") is made this 22nd day of July, 1998, by and between the same parties, namely Seller, **GTS PROPERTY SANTA CLARITA, INC.**, and [original] Purchaser's nominee/assignee, **MARK WEINSTEIN, TRUSTEE OF THE WEINSTEIN FAMILY TRUST DATED MARCH 20, 1997**, to that certain *Agreement for Purchase and Sale of Real Property & Improvements* dated April 24, 1998, as amended by that certain First Amendment thereto, dated May 28, 1998 (collectively, "Agreement"), as an additional amendment to and modification of such Agreement.

1. Terminology. Unless otherwise stated expressly herein, capitalized terminology as used in this Amendment shall have the same definitions as in the Agreement.
2. Closing Deadline. The Closing Deadline for purposes of the Close of Escrow and as stated in Section 11.B. of the Agreement shall be extended, amended and superseded by inserting the date "July 23, 1998" in replacement of the period and date previously stated therein.
3. Balance of Purchase Price. Purchaser's funds to complete its purchase, including the balance of the Purchase Price ("Balance") shall be remitted to and received by the Escrow Holder on or before that date. Forthwith upon execution of this Agreement, Purchaser agrees to cause such Balance to be immediately wire transferred into the Escrow the foregoing purpose.
4. Close of Escrow. Notwithstanding anything in the Agreement to the contrary, including without limitation the language in Section 11.C. thereof, the Close of Escrow herein shall take place on or before July 24, 1998.
5. *[intentionally omitted]*
6. Hold-Back Funds. The parties hereby agree, and the Escrow Holder is expressly instructed, to withhold out of the funds to be disbursed to Seller at the Close of Escrow the sum of Thirty Thousand and No/100 Dollars (\$30,000.00) ("Hold-Back Funds") in an interest-bearing account maintained for the benefit of Seller ("Hold-Back Account"), for a period not to exceed TWELVE (12) MONTHS from the Close of Escrow date ("Hold-Back Period"), subject to the following conditions:
 - 6.1. Purchaser, as landlord, shall have succeeded to the Sellers's former rights and remedies, including all legal enforcement actions, to enforce the landlord's rights and interests against the tenants, named ALEC and CONNIE PETTERSEN, and its predecessors in interest, including TEAM ENTERPRISES, INC. (collectively, "Tenants"), of that certain dry-

cleaning business and operations known as "One Hour Martinizing" under that lease for their premises, located at 26830 Seco Canyon Road, Santa Clarita, CA ("Premises"), being a portion of the "Santa Clarita Place" Shopping Center ("Center"), as well as the liability, property and/or other insurers for such Tenants, respectively (collectively, "Insurers").

6.2. The parties have become aware of certain potential contamination of the Premises and adjoining or appurtenant areas of the Center which have been described in that certain written report, dated July 7, 1998, and prepared by PHR Environmental Consultants, Inc. ("Report"), on behalf of Purchaser's prospective mortgage lender in the transaction (a copy of which Report is attached). The Report noted the presence of levels of certain potentially hazardous substances, including those known as "PCE's" (collectively, "Substances"), in and about the Premises.

6.3. Purchaser shall forthwith use its best, diligent and good faith efforts, either on its own and/or by causing the Tenants and/or their respective Insurers, to comply with any and all applicable laws, ordinances, statutes, rules and regulations governing the reporting, handling and/or remediation of the Substances, including notifying the local and other public regulatory agencies having jurisdiction thereover, such as the Fire Department, Department of Health and California Regional Water Quality Control Board (collectively, "Agencies") of such matters. Seller agrees to cooperate reasonably in Purchaser's such efforts hereunder.

6.4. From the outset, Purchaser at its discretion shall use its best, diligent and good faith efforts to urge and/or to cause the Tenants/Insurers to conduct and pay for any and all appropriate actions to clean up, ameliorate and/or remediate the Substances and otherwise abide by and comply with the orders, plans and other activities which shall be necessary or proper to receive the appropriate "clearance" or "no-further-action required" letter, certification or other equivalent ruling or assessment by such Agencies (collectively, "No-Action Letter") that the Substances have been abated or remediated to the sufficient extent required under applicable law (collectively, "Remediation"). During all of the foregoing activities, Purchaser shall keep Seller duly informed and advised of all actions and communications.

6.5. If, despite Purchaser's best and diligent, good faith efforts to compel by all available legal means, including the filing of litigation as appropriate, Tenants and/or their respective Insurers to perform and pay for the Remediation of the Substances at their expense, such Tenants and Insurers both fail or refuse to do the foregoing, and if Purchaser thus becomes legally obliged to perform and/or pay for the Remediation, then Purchaser shall, subject to prior written notice to Seller, itself undertake and complete the Remediation to obtain the No-Action Letter, including retaining the necessary engineering and consulting firms, as mandated or recommended by the Agencies. In each and all contracts needed for the Remediation processing and procedures, Purchaser shall duly advise Seller as to all of the foregoing and shall obtain Seller's prior written consent to all such contracts.

For the purpose of
6.6. Upon securing the No-Action Letter, and receipt of all invoices, statements and other billings incurred in Purchaser's or its agents' performing the Remediation activities, copies of which shall have been furnished to Seller and subject to Seller's written approval thereof which shall be attached to each and every such invoice/statement presented to Escrow

Holder for reimbursement thereof, Purchaser shall be entitled to receive disbursement(s) out of the Hold-Back Account such sums equal to such invoices and/or statements, or alternatively Purchaser may instruct Escrow Holder in writing, subject to Seller's written approval on such instruction, that such disbursement(s) be made directly to the third-party payee. Escrow Holder shall give both Seller and Purchaser written notice of any and all of such disbursements.

6.6A. In the event that Purchaser determines in its reasonable judgment that retaining legal counsel to assist in its or its agent's performing and completing the Remediation activities and/or obtaining the No-Action Letter is necessary or advisable, then Purchaser shall duly advise and consult with Seller before and during such retention, which shall not be made without Seller's prior written consent, not to be unreasonably withheld.

6.7. Should the total expense (including attorney's fees and legal costs) for completing the Remediation and receiving the No-Action Letter, exceed the Hold-Back Funds, then Seller agrees to reimburse Purchaser for such excess amount, upon written notice and request therefor; provided, that in no event shall Seller be liable for any attorneys' fees or legal costs exceeding the sum of **Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00)** hereunder.

7. Termination of Hold-Back Transactions. Thirty (30) days prior to the expiration of the Hold-Back Period, above, Escrow Holder shall duly notify the parties of such and abide by the further mutual written instructions of both parties, if any. In no event shall Escrow Holder retain the Hold-Back Funds beyond Twenty-Four (24) Months from the Close of Escrow, unless the parties otherwise instruct mutually and in writing. In the absence of such mutual, written instructions, Escrow Holder shall thereafter release and remit the remainder of the Hold-Back Funds to Seller upon thirty (30) days' written notification to both parties of its intention to make such release and remittance.

8. Instruction to Close Escrow. Upon execution hereof by the parties, Escrow Holder is hereby instructed to complete all transactions necessary or proper to effectuate the Close of Escrow, pursuant to the provisions of the Agreement, as amended by this Amendment.

9. Other Provisions Unaffected. Except as otherwise provided herein, all other terms, conditions and provisions of the Agreement shall remain the same and shall continue in full force and effect, unimpaired and unaffected by this Amendment.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed and delivered this instrument effective as of the date first written above, regardless of the actual date of the signing hereof.

Seller:

GTS Property Santa Clarita, Inc.

By: 

Mr. Bien Gan Oei, President

Purchaser:

Weinstein Family Trust,
Dated March 20, 1997

By: _____

Mr. Mark Weinstein, Trustee

CIVIL COVER SHEET

I (a) PLAINTIFFS

MARK WEINSTEIN, TRUSTEE OF THE WEINSTEIN
FAMILY TRUST DATED MARCH 20, 1997,

DEFENDANTS

GTS PROPERTY SANTA CLARITA, HARRY JANG, ALEC
PETERSEN, TEAM ENTERPRISES and ONE HOUR
MARTINIZING DRY CLEANER and DOE 1 through DOE 10(b) COUNTY OF RESIDENCE OF FIRST LISTED PLAINTIFF
(EXCEPT IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES)

Los Angeles

COUNTY OF RESIDENCE OF FIRST LISTED DEFENDANT
(IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES ONLY)

Los Angeles

(c) ATTORNEYS (FIRM NAME, ADDRESS, AND TELEPHONE NUMBER)

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ATTORNEYS (IF KNOWN)

II. BASIS OF JURISDICTION (PLACE AN x IN ONE BOX ONLY)

- ☐ 1 U.S. Government Plaintiff
- ☒ 3 Federal Question (U.S. Government Not a Party)
- ☐ 2 U.S. Government Defendant
- ☐ 4 Diversity (Indicate Citizenship of Parties in Item III)

III. CITIZENSHIP OF PRINCIPAL PARTIES (PLACE AN x IN ONE BOX
(For Diversity Cases Only) FOR PLAINTIFF AND ONE FOR DEFENDANT)

- | | PTF | DEF | | PTF | DEF |
|---|----------------------------|----------------------------|---|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Citizen of This State | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 | Incorporated or Principal Place of Business In This State | <input type="checkbox"/> 4 | <input type="checkbox"/> 4 |
| Citizen of Another State | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 | Incorporated and Principal Place of Business In Another State | <input type="checkbox"/> 5 | <input type="checkbox"/> 5 |
| Citizen or Subject of a Foreign Country | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 | Foreign Nation | <input type="checkbox"/> 6 | <input type="checkbox"/> 6 |

IV. ORIGIN

(PLACE AN x IN ONE BOX ONLY)

- ☒ 1 Original Proceeding
- ☐ 2 Removed from State Court
- ☐ 3 Remanded from Appellate Court
- ☐ 4 Reinstated or Reopened
- ☐ 5 Transferred from another district (specify)
- ☐ 6 Multidistrict Litigation
- ☐ Appeal to District Judge from Magistrate Judgment

V. REQUESTED IN COMPLAINT: ☐ CHECK IF THIS IS A CLASS ACTION UNDER F.R.C.P. 23

DEMAND \$ To be determined

Check YES only if demanded in complaint:

JURY DEMAND: ☒ YES ☐ NO

VI. CAUSE OF ACTION (CITE THE U.S. CIVIL STATUTE UNDER WHICH YOU ARE FILING AND WRITE A BRIEF STATEMENT OF CAUSE.

DO NOT CITE JURISDICTIONAL STATUTES UNLESS DIVERSITY.) 42 U.S.C. Section 9613(f) - (CERCLA)

VII. NATURE OF SUIT (PLACE AN x IN ONE BOX ONLY)

OTHER STATUTES	CONTRACT	TORTS	FORFEITURE/PENALTY	BANKRUPTCY
<input type="checkbox"/> 400 State Reapportionment	<input type="checkbox"/> 110 Insurance	<input type="checkbox"/> 310 Airplane	<input type="checkbox"/> 610 Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> 422 Appeal 28 USC 158
<input type="checkbox"/> 410 Antitrust	<input type="checkbox"/> 120 Marine	<input type="checkbox"/> 315 Airplane Product Liability	<input type="checkbox"/> 620 Other Food & Drug	<input type="checkbox"/> 423 Withdrawal 28 USC 157
<input type="checkbox"/> 430 Banks and Banking	<input type="checkbox"/> 130 Miller Act	<input type="checkbox"/> 320 Assault, Libel & Slander	<input type="checkbox"/> 625 Drug Related Seizure of Property 21 USC 881	PROPERTY RIGHTS
<input type="checkbox"/> 450 Commerce/ICC Rates/etc.	<input type="checkbox"/> 140 Negotiable Instrument	<input type="checkbox"/> 330 Federal Employers' Liability	<input type="checkbox"/> 630 Liquor Laws	<input type="checkbox"/> 820 Copyrights
<input type="checkbox"/> 460 Deportation	<input type="checkbox"/> 150 Recovery of Overpayment & Enforcement of Judgment	<input type="checkbox"/> 340 Marine	<input type="checkbox"/> 640 R.R. & Truck	<input type="checkbox"/> 830 Patent
<input type="checkbox"/> 470 Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations	<input type="checkbox"/> 151 Medicare Act	<input type="checkbox"/> 345 Marine Product Liability	<input type="checkbox"/> 650 Airline Regs	<input type="checkbox"/> 840 Trademark
<input type="checkbox"/> 810 Selective Service	<input type="checkbox"/> 152 Recovery of Defaulted Student Loans (Excl. Veterans)	<input type="checkbox"/> 350 Motor Vehicle	<input type="checkbox"/> 660 Occupational Safety/Health	SOCIAL SECURITY
<input type="checkbox"/> 850 Securities/Commodities/Exchange	<input type="checkbox"/> 153 Recovery of Overpayment Of Veteran's Benefits	<input type="checkbox"/> 355 Motor Vehicle Product Liability	<input type="checkbox"/> 690 Other	<input type="checkbox"/> 861 HIA (1395ff)
<input type="checkbox"/> 875 Customer Challenge 12 USC 3410	<input type="checkbox"/> 160 Stockholders' Suits	<input type="checkbox"/> 360 Other Personal Injury	LABOR	<input type="checkbox"/> 862 Black Lung (923)
<input type="checkbox"/> 891 Agricultural Act	<input type="checkbox"/> 190 Other Contract	<input type="checkbox"/> 370 Other Fraud	<input type="checkbox"/> 710 Fair Labor Standards Act	<input type="checkbox"/> 863 DIWC/DIWW (405(g))
<input type="checkbox"/> 892 Economic Stabilization Act	<input type="checkbox"/> 195 Contract Product Liability	<input type="checkbox"/> 371 Truth in Lending	<input type="checkbox"/> 720 Labor/Mgmt. Relations	<input type="checkbox"/> 864 SSID Title XVI
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 893 Environmental Matters	REAL PROPERTY	CIVIL RIGHTS	<input type="checkbox"/> 730 Labor/Mgmt. Reporting & Disclosure Act	<input type="checkbox"/> 865 RSI (405(g))
<input type="checkbox"/> 894 Energy Allocation Act	<input type="checkbox"/> 210 Land Condemnation	<input type="checkbox"/> 441 Voting	<input type="checkbox"/> 740 Railway Labor Act	FEDERAL TAX SUITS
<input type="checkbox"/> 895 Freedom of Information Act	<input type="checkbox"/> 220 Foreclosure	<input type="checkbox"/> 442 Employment	<input type="checkbox"/> 790 Other Labor Litigation	<input type="checkbox"/> 870 Taxes (U.S. Plaintiff or Defendant)
<input type="checkbox"/> 900 Appeal of Fee Determination Under Equal Access to Justice	<input type="checkbox"/> 230 Rent Lease & Ejectment	<input type="checkbox"/> 443 Housing/Accommodations	<input type="checkbox"/> 791 Empl. Ret. Inc. Security Act	<input type="checkbox"/> 871 IRS - Third Party 26 USC 7609
<input type="checkbox"/> 950 Constitutionality of State Statutes	<input type="checkbox"/> 240 Torts to Land	<input type="checkbox"/> 444 Welfare		
<input type="checkbox"/> 890 Other Statutory Actions	<input type="checkbox"/> 245 Tort Product Liability	<input type="checkbox"/> 440 Other Civil Rights		
	<input type="checkbox"/> 290 All Other Real Property			

VIII(a). IDENTICAL CASES: Has this action been previously filed and dismissed, remanded or closed? ☒ No ☐ Yes

If yes, list case number(s):

CV71 (8/99)

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☐ Pro Hac Vice fee: ☐ paid ☐ not paid

Applying IFP

Judge

Mag. Judge

CCD-JS44

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CIVIL COVER SHEET
 (Reverse Side)

AFTER COMPLETING THE FRONT SIDE OF FORM JS-44C, COMPLETE THE INFORMATION REQUESTED BELOW.

VIII(b). RELATED CASES: Have any cases been previously filed that are related to the present case? X No Yes

If yes, list case number(s): _____

CIVIL CASES ARE DEEMED RELATED IF A PREVIOUSLY FILED CASE AND THE PRESENT CASE:

- (CHECK ALL BOXES THAT APPLY)
- ☐ A. Appear to arise from the same or substantially identical transactions, happenings, or events;
 - ☐ B. Involve the same or substantially the same parties or property;
 - ☐ C. Involve the same patent, trademark or copyright;
 - ☐ D. Call for determination of the same or substantially identical questions of law, or
 - ☐ E. Likely for other reasons may entail unnecessary duplication of labor if heard by different judges.

IX. VENUE: List the California County, or State if other than California, in which **EACH** named plaintiff resides. (Use an additional sheet if necessary)

☐ CHECK HERE IF THE US GOVERNMENT, ITS AGENCIES OR EMPLOYEES IS A NAMED PLAINTIFF.
 PLAINTIFF RESIDES IN LOS ANGELES

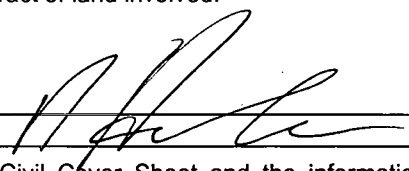
List the California County, or State if other than California, in which **EACH** named defendant resides. (Use an additional sheet if necessary).

☐ CHECK HERE IF THE US GOVERNMENT, ITS AGENCIES OR EMPLOYEES IS A NAMED DEFENDANT.
 DEFENDANT TEAM ENTERPRISES IS HEADQUARTERED IN FRESNO COUNTY. ALL OTHER
 DEFENDANTS ARE BELIEVED TO RESIDE IN LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA.

List the California County, or State if other than California, in which **EACH** claim arose. (Use an additional sheet if necessary).

NOTE: In land condemnation cases, use the location of the tract of land involved.

LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

X. SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY (OR PRO PER): X  **Date** 6/20/00

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Key to Statistical codes relating to Social Security Cases:

<u>NATURE OF SUIT CODE</u>	<u>ABBREVIATION</u>	<u>SUBSTANTIVE STATEMENT OF CAUSE OF ACTION</u>
861	HIA	All claims for health insurance benefits (Medicare) under Title 18, Part A, of the Social Security Act, as amended. Also, include claims by hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, etc., for certification as providers of services under the program. (42 U.S.C. 1935FF(b))
862	BL	All claims for "Black Lung" benefits under Title 4, Part B, of the Federal Coal Mine Health and Safety Act of 1969. (30 U.S.C. 923)
863	DIWC	All claims filed by insured workers for disability insurance benefits under Title 2 of the Social Security Act, as amended; plus all claims filed for child's insurance benefits based on disability. (42 U.S.C. 405 (g))
863	DIWW	All claims filed for widows or widowers insurance benefits based on disability under Title 2 of the Social Security Act, as amended. (42 U.S.C. 405 (g))
864	SSID	All claims for supplemental security income payments based upon disability filed under Title 16 of the Social Security Act, as amended.
865	RSI	All claims for retirement (old age) and survivors benefits under Title 2 of the Social Security Act, as amended. (42 U.S.C. (g))

INSTRUCTIONS FOR ATTORNEYS COMPLETING CIVIL COVER SHEET FORM JS-44

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- I. (a) **PLAINTIFFS - DEFENDANTS.** Enter names (last, first, middle initial) of plaintiff and defendant. If the plaintiff or defendant is a Government Agency use only the full name or standard abbreviations. If the plaintiff or defendant is an official within a government agency, identify first the agency and then the official giving both name and title.
- (b) **County of Residence.** For each civil case filed, except U.S. plaintiff cases, enter the name of the county where the first listed plaintiff resides at the time of filing. In U.S. plaintiff cases, enter the name of the county in which the first listed defendant resides at the time of filing. (NOTE: in land condemnation cases, the county of residence of the "defendant" is the location of the tract of land involved.)
- (c) **Attorneys.** Enter firm name, address, telephone number, and attorney of record. If there are several attorneys, list them on an attachment, noting in this section ("see attachment").
- II. **JURISDICTION.** The basis of jurisdiction is set forth under Rule 8(a), F.R.C.P., which requires that jurisdiction be shown in pleadings. Place an "X" in one of the boxes. If there is more than one basis of jurisdiction, precedence is given in the order shown below.

United States Plaintiff. (1) Jurisdiction is based on 28 U.S.C. 1345 and 1348. Suits by agencies and officers of the United States are included here.

United States Defendant. (2) When the plaintiff is suing the United States, its officers or agencies, place an "X" in this box.

Federal Question. (3) This refers to suits under 28 U.S.C. 1331 where jurisdiction arises under the Constitution of the United States, an amendment to the Constitution, and act of Congress or a treaty of the United States. In cases where the U.S. is a party, the U.S. plaintiff or defendant code take precedence and box 1 or 2 should be marked.

Diversity of Citizenship. (4) This refers to suits under 28 U.S.C. 1332 where parties are citizens of different states. When box 4 is checked, the citizenship of the different parties must be checked. (See Section III below) (Federal question actions take precedence over diversity cases.)
- III. **RESIDENCE (CITIZENSHIP) OF PRINCIPAL PARTIES.** This section of the JS-44 is to be completed if diversity of citizenship was indicated above. Mark this section for each principal party.
- IV. **ORIGIN.** Place an "X" in one of the seven boxes:
 - (1) Original Proceedings. Cases which originate in the United States District Courts.
 - (2) Removed from State Court. Proceedings initiated in state courts may be removed to the district courts under Title 28 U.S.C. Section 1441. When the petition for removal is granted, check this box.
 - (3) Remanded from Appellate court. Check this box for cases remanded to the district court for further action. Use the date of remand as the filing date.
 - (4) Reinstated or Reopened. Check this box for cases reinstated or reopened in the district court. Use the reopening date as the filing date.
 - (5) Transferred from Another District. For cases transferred under Title 28 U.S.C. Section 1404(a). DO NOT use this for within-district transfers or multidistrict litigation transfers. When this box is checked, DO NOT check (6) below.
 - (6) Multidistrict Litigation. Check this box when a multidistrict case is transferred into the district under authority of Title 28 U.S.C. Section 1407. When this box is checked, DO NOT check (5) above.
 - (7) Appeal to District Judge from Magistrate Judge Judgment. Check this box for an appeal from a magistrate judge's decision.
- V. **REQUESTED IN COMPLAINT.**

Class Action. Place an "X" in this box if you are filing a class action under Rule 23, F.R.Cv.P.

Demand. In this space enter the dollar amount (in thousands of dollars) being demanded or indicate other demand such as a preliminary injunction.

Jury Demand. Check the appropriate box to indicate whether or not a jury is being demanded.
- VI. **CAUSE OF ACTION.** Report the civil statute directly related to the cause of action and give a brief description of the cause of action.
- VII. **NATURE OF SUIT.** Place an "X" in the appropriate box. MARK ONE BOX ONLY. If the nature of suit cannot be determined, be sure the description of the cause of action in Section IV above is sufficient to enable the deputy clerk or the statistical clerks in the Administrative Office to determine the nature of suit. If the cause of action fits more than one nature of suit, select the most definitive.
- VIII(a) **IDENTICAL CASES.** Indicate if an identical action has previously been filed and dismissed, remanded or closed. Insert the docket number and judge's name, if applicable.
- VIII(b) **RELATED CASES.** This section of the CV-71 (JS-44) is used to reference related cases, if any. If there are related cases, insert the docket numbers and the corresponding judge's name for each case. Check all boxes that apply.
- IX. **VENUE.** This section of the CV-71 (JS-44) is used to identify the correct division in which the case will be filed. Please remember to indicate the residence of EACH plaintiff and defendant and the county or state in which each claim arose.

If the United States government or an agency thereof is a plaintiff or defendant, place an "X" in the appropriate box. Indicate the residence of other parties, if any.

In each category: for each party and claim, indicate the county, if in California. If other than California, you need only to list the state or country.
- X. **Attorney or party appearing pro per must sign and date this form.**